The BASHH election results 2015

The following members were elected to the BASHH Board:

Conference & Communications Secretary
Dr Daniel Richardson
Fellow
Dr Leena Sathia
Fellow
Dr Benjamin Goorney
Fellow
Dr John McSorley
Nurse Representative
Mrs Kate Day
DIT Representative
Dr Anna Hartley

The following members have been elected to the BASHH CGC:

East Anglia chair
Dr Chris Carne
Mersey chair
Dr Rachel Elks
North West chair
Dr Ashish Sukthankar
Northern chair
Dr Alison Wardropper
Thames NW chair
Dr Sara Day
Thames SW chair
Dr Usharani Natarajan
Trent chair
Dr Tana Green
Wessex chair
Dr Alison Blume
West Midlands chair
Dr Kaveh Manavi
Nurse Representative
Mr Jodie Walker-Haywood
Health Adviser rep
Mr Martin Murchie
SAS Rep
Dr Kajal Verma
Wales co-opted chair
Dr Carys Knapper
Thames NE co-opted chair Dr Sharmin Obeyesekara
Scotland co-opted chair
Dr Daniela Brawley

We thank retiring members of the Board and CGC for their valuable contribution to BASHH.

The letter highlighting the issues sexual health services are having regarding commissioning of services has been published in the BMJ and can be found at: Click Here
BASHH News

HPV vaccine survey
As a follow-up to previous surveys we have conducted on the HPV vaccine, we are keen to know your thoughts on the current vaccination programme and the possible future direction of it with regard to boys and to MSM. Please let us know your views by filling out this anonymous survey.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPV_boys_2015

Problems with administration of Benzathine Penicillin
The Clinical Governance Committee has noted many reports of benzathine penicillin solidifying in the syringe soon after mixing with solvent, before it can be given intramuscularly to the patient. After consultation with senior pharmacy colleagues in HIVPA and senior nurses in BASHH, we would recommend the following best practice.

Please use 6-8 mls of either water for injections or 1% lidocaine to dissolve the drug and vigorously shaken, using an 18 gauge blunt fill needle in the room with the patient ready for i.m. injection. Immediately change the needle to a 21 gauge green needle and ensure slow, continuous administration of the drug to the patient.

The formulation most commonly used is Benzetacil 2,400.00 (Laboratorio Reig Jofre SA, Barcelona). If you have any feedback or queries on this issue, please email Dr Alan Tang, Chair of the Clinical Governance Committee at alan.tang@royalberkshire.nhs.uk with a copy to admin@bashh.org. The MHRA are already aware of this problem and are currently investigating.

BASHH BHIVA Mentoring Course 3rd July – save the date
The BASHH / BHIVA mentoring committee will be running a course for consultants, SAS doctors and other experienced sexual health professionals who are interesting in becoming a mentor to doctors in GUM / HIV / Sexual Health. The course aims to equip participants with the skills needed for this role and is suitable for those who have worked in sexual health / GUM / HIV for at least 5 years.

This edition includes information about the following issues:

HPE Conference 2015. This annual conference is for people working across the sector and addresses a diverse range of topics about HIV prevention with many guest speakers. It will take place on 19 February 2015 in central London. Links to the programme, speakers and how to register for one of the FREE delegate places are included.

Update on last November’s National HIV Testing Week: including the targeted advertising, self reporting, social media, HIV postal testing, resources, supporters map and examples of local engagement.

The publication by NAM of a new briefing paper on HIV testing technologies.

The campaign briefing is available for download from http://www.hivpreventionengland.org.uk/jan15

New BASHH patient information leaflet on Genital Herpes
The new BASHH patient information leaflet on Genital Herpes is now on the BASHH website for consultation.

If you have any comments on the leaflet please send these to the editor of BASHH PILs Dr Stephen Higgins Steve.Higgins@pat.nhs.uk

Please put “Genital Herpes PIL feedback” as the subject of your e-mail message. Closing date for comments: 28th February 2015

CATHY HARMAN AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN SEXUAL HEALTH 2015
Applications for this award will close on 14th March 2015 @ 12:00 midday. Late applications are not accepted. You must use the forms provided, within the word limits and complete each section or state why this is not possible. Click Here for further information
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BASHH STI / HIV course


Modules 3-4: Monday 4th November 2015 – Friday 6th November 2015

Venue: Avonmouth House, 6 Avonmouth Street, London, SE1 6NX

The course is in two parts over the year; delegates are welcome to apply for the whole course or some of the modules.

Bookings and any registration queries should be made direct with the BASHH administration team on admin@bashh.org

For all other general enquiries please you can contact Grace Gray on grace.gray1@nhs.net or Dr Candice McDonald candice.mcdonald@nhs.net

Cross-sectional survey to explore the provision of HIV prevention and testing services for older adults at GP practices and sexual health/HIV clinics

You are invited to take part in a research survey, funded by the University of York, to explore the acceptability and accessibility of HIV services to older adults. Participants will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey, which will take approximately 10 minutes to finish.

Eligible participants: sexual health/HIV consultants; sexual health/HIV registrars; sexual health/HIV nurse practitioners; sexual health/HIV specialist nurses. Participants must be working in England. If you are interested in participating, please open the following link for further study information and to access the online questionnaire:


Further contact details:
Sadie Bell (Chief Investigator – Health Sciences PhD student, University of York). Email: slb521@york.ac.uk

Primary Care and Public Health — Conference and Exhibition

Members of BASHH can register free of charge to attend Primary Care and Public Health at the NEC, Birmingham 20-21 May 2015.

The dedicated Sexual and Reproductive Health Programme runs on Wednesday 20 May with sessions including: Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation, Reducing Violence Against Sex Workers, Contraception and Eating Disorders, New Hepatitis C Treatments, Improving Sexual Health Outcomes for People with Learning Difficulties, Communicating Safe Messages to Young People, A Home-based Contraceptive and Sexual Health Service to Prevent Repeat Teen Pregnancies and What’s New in Sexual Behaviour.

Visit www.primarycareandpublichealth.co.uk to register an interest and find out more or email laurab@sterlingevents.co.uk 0151 706 7620

International study led and designed by women with HIV

Women living with HIV experience very high levels of gender based violence and call for healthcare institutions to provide safety, respect and support. http://salamandertrust.net/index.php/Projects/SRH&HR_Survey_for_women_with_HIV/. This powerful values and preferences survey of women living with HIV was commissioned by the World Health Organisation to inform the updating of their Reproductive and Sexual Health and Human Rights guidelines. It was led, designed and run by women living with HIV and involved nearly 1000 respondents in 94 countries. Human rights abuses can occur in healthcare institutions and their impact on mental and physical health is considerable.
**More News**

**British Society for the Study of Vulval Disease (BSSVD) – Study day March 12th 2015 Oxford**

The BSSVD is holding a study day at St Anne’s College, Oxford on Thursday 12th March 2015. Programme and registration details can be found on the BSSVD website [http://www.bssvd.org/](http://www.bssvd.org/)

**The Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM)**

The Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM) has produced Australia’s first STI Guidelines for primary care providers.

This is a concise, but comprehensive reference website about sexually transmissible infection testing, treatment and management.

It was developed by several partnering organisations over two years.

Please go to this link [www.sti.guidelines.org.au](http://www.sti.guidelines.org.au)

**European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health (ESC)**

BASHH members may consider individual membership to the ESC through the ESC Website: [www.escrh.eu](http://www.escrh.eu)

The annual fee is 60 euro. We have listed below a few of the benefits you would enjoy as member:

* 6 free issues of the official Society Journal (impact factor = 1,835),
* 3 newsletters,
* members may apply to stand for the Board or Expert Groups (vacancies are announced on the ESC website),
* members may apply to the ESC for educational grants,
* free attendance to the ESC Seminar,
* substantial reduction of the ESC Congress fee,
* personal access to the ESC website.

**Training course to enhance the professional skills and knowledge of those working to improve sexual health and relationships**

The Tavistock Centre for Couple Relationships is hosting a series of courses which offer health professionals a great opportunity to learn new skills and develop a greater understanding of sexual behaviour from a variety of leading experts in the field:

**PSYCHOSEXUAL WORKSHOP SERIES**

Neurobiology, Gender Differences and Desire Made Easy - 6 February 2015, 10:00 – 16:00

Compulsive Sexual Behaviour and the Couple Relationship -27 March 2015, 10:00 – 16:00

**PSYCHOSEXUAL CONFERENCE 2015**

Sexual Pleasure and its Challenges—7 March 2015, 10:00 – 16:00

If you would like to find out more about the courses or about the Tavistock Centre for Couple Relationships, please visit [www.tccr.ac.uk/cpd](http://www.tccr.ac.uk/cpd)

**Society of Apothecaries of London, Diploma in Genitourinary Medicine, Diploma in HIV Medicine**

Expressions of interest are sought from consultant educational / clinical supervisor physicians in Genitourinary (GU) Medicine or Infectious Diseases (ID) to become examiners for the Society of Apothecaries for either the:

- Diploma in G-U Medicine  or  Diploma in HIV Medicine.

As specialty trainees in GU Medicine require both Diplomas as part of their training, applicants must have relevant experience as clinical or educational supervisors in GU Medicine (for Dip GU Med or Dip HIV Med), or in ID (for the Dip HIV Med).

The committees aim to recruit examiners from throughout the UK so that the examinations reflect clinical practice in all settings.

Further details and a self-nomination form are available as follows: G-U Med – examoffice@apothecaries.org HIV Med - asstreq@apothecaries.org Please contact the Registrar on 020 7236 1180 if you would like an informal discussion with either her or one of the Conveners. The closing date for receipt by the Society of self–nomination forms is Monday 23 February 2015.
DIARY DATES


EADV meeting - Valencia 5th to 8th March 2015

British Society for the Study of Vulval Disease - Oxford—12 March 2015

BASHH Scientific Meeting (BSM) - 13 March 2015 - Kings Fund, London from 1.00pm

STIF COMPETENCY TRAIN THE TRAINER WORKSHOP - 13 March 2015 at RSM, London

HIV Drug Therapy in the Americas 2015 - 16-18 April 2015, Mexico City, Mexico Website: www.hivamericas.org

BASHH STI / HIV course Modules 1-2: Monday 27th April 2015 – Friday 1st May 2015

www.guysandsthomasevents.co.uk

Primary Care and Public Health at the NEC, Birmingham 20-21 May 2015.

The UK Sepsis Trust ‘Sepsis Unplugged’ Conference 2015
21st – 22nd May 2015
East Midlands Conference Centre, University Park, Beeston Lane, Nottingham NG7 2RJ

Spring Conference 2015 - Glasgow 1-3 June 2015

ABSTRACT DEADLINE 6th February

BASHH Scientific Meeting - 12 June 2015 - RSM, London from 1.00pm

BASHH BHIVA Mentoring Course 3rd July

The fourth Viral Hepatitis Congress will take place 10-12 September 2015 in Frankfurt
 www.viral-hep.org

5th EAAD Congress Riga, September 18-20, 2015

IUSTI Sitges 2015 - 24th – 26th September 2015 - Click Here for further details

BASHH members will have subsidised registration fees

BASHH Scientific Meeting - 2 October 2015 - RSM, London from 1.00pm - cancelled

EADV meeting - Copenhagen 7th to 9th October 2015

BASHH STI / HIV course Modules 3-4: Monday 4th November 2015 – Friday 6th November 2015

14th Congress - 2nd Global Conference of the European Society of Contraception and Reproductive Health Contraception from molecular biology to social science and politics
Basel, Switzerland 4-7 May 2016

The deadlines for newsletters in 2015
25 March; 27 May;
22 July; 23 September; 25 November